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manufacture small batches of product of the highest quality featuring innovations not available in mass-produced competitors' products.

Meridian co-founder Bob Stewart tells Bloomberg, "We're not a mass manufacture. We're not trying to make…thousands in an afternoon at the lowest possible price; we're trying to build to a standard. What we build here is much more like making a musical instrument than making an iPod."

They recently designed the sound system inside the McLaren MP4-12C, touted by First Drive as, "the best handling supersports road and weekend track car in history," and at a cool C$247,500 we're glad to hear a world-class stereo comes with it. In more recent (and affordable) news, Meridian speakers are standard on the much-lauded Land Rover Evoque, with the premium model featuring 17 speakers worth of surround sound.

The core technologies Meridian is famous for include a number of signal improvement processes like Meridian High Resolution that improves the quality of audio signals during transfer, Apodising Filtre that cleans up signal from inferior sources, as well as an advanced Digital Signal Processing crossover system that decides with greater accuracy which frequencies end up in which speakers. And we'll stop here. The Meridian website has a good number of fascinating whitepapers you can geek out on.

Relevant to you and your small space is Meridian's M80, into which they have packed all the luxury audio-awesomeness you can handle into a unit the size of a tabletop radio.

This 80Watt, 2.1 Stereo Mighty Mouse is not just for you–it's for your neighbours too. One of the greatest difficulties of living big in a small space is controlling the volume of your system. The fact is that lower quality audio equipment require greater volume to be heard. With a Meridian system, you hear everything clearly and beautifully balanced at a much lower volume.

"Anybody can build a system with bass. It's the top end and upper information that everybody misses. That's why even at low volume they provide you with so much more detail. With most amplifications, the volume needs to be turned up substantially to get the same performance you'd get from a Meridian system," explains Brentview Electronics resident Meridian specialist, Guy Corapi.

A stereo widening feature helps you focus the direction of the sound. Room correction allows you to set the M80 to function optimally on an open desktop or tucked into a corner. The tilt functions acts as though you put a book under the unit when it is on the top shelf. All these functions help direct the sound toward you and away from your walls.

Connectivity

Regardless of the source of the sound, the M80 up-converts audio to 192/196 KHZ using Meridian's High Resolution technology. This means everything on your iPod from MP3s on, is played back at the highest possible fidelity.

Without the TV, connect it to your computer using USB to listen in digital sound while you stream your favourite content. With a TV, you can use the internal DVD player and plug it in using the composite MS video outlet.

The CD/DVD drive accepts CD-DA, CD-R/RW, MP3, WMA, DualDisc, DVD-V, and DVD±R/RW–it's simply gluttonous.

When connecting to your iPod, all the playlists on the iPod are displayed on the M80 screen and accessible with the M80 remote.

The radio features Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) that displays the artist and song. You can use the radio feature with the built in alarm clock, or select a standard tone.

Software upgrades are provided free to customers by Brentview Electronics. You may be wondering why this is important. "I keep a list of all Meridian clients. When there's a firmware upgrade I contact them and come over," says Corapi. "You'll be constantly updated with the latest software. The result is better sound. You'd be surprised what an advance in technology can do with digital sound." Updates may support other components of your system as well, like Apple products.

Brentview is Ontario's only fully authorized Meridian dealer, offering the province's largest selection of Meridian products. "We carry high-end product, the latest and greatest. We have products you can't find in the big box stores–we only carry the best," proprietor Steve Deweerd explains.

And naturally you get the level of personalized service you need with high quality equipment, including expert installation and guidance so you are able to effectively use all the features highly connective and advanced equipment sometimes require.

Professional installation would have been a help to these online message-board users: "woke up and it's as if an earthquake happened or something–Flat Screen was on the floor face first." This occurrence is so commonplace that you cannot expect warranty sympathy from any manufacturer, so make sure you have a professional do it right the first time.

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